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Hon. Victor Marrero Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl St. New York, NY 10007-1312

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Re: Wayne Baliga v. Link Motion Inc. et al. (USDC, SDNY) (Case No. 1-18-cv-11642)

Opposition to Motion to Intervene

Dear Judge Marrero:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Plaintiff Wayne Baliga, pursuant to your Honor's 11/5/2019 Order (Dkt. 112), to oppose the motion to intervene submitted by AI Capital China ("China AI") on 11/1/2019 (Dkt. 111).

Initially, I understand there was a miscommunication between China AI's counsel, Mr. Jae Cho, and myself regarding what Mr. Cho believed to be Plaintiff's consent to China AI intervening. Attached hereto are email communications between Mr. Cho and me that demonstrate that while Plaintiff was not necessarily opposed to the idea at the time of contact, over two months ago, Plaintiff did indeed reserve the right to oppose. Furthermore, while Mr. Cho and I had one phone conversation subsequent to the email exchange, in which I reiterated the same position as in the email, Mr. Cho and I had not actually spoken in nearly two months before the motion in question was submitted.

Next, it should be pointed out that I understand the Receiver has been investigating China AI and has concerns that China AI is a sham entity setup by Defendant Vincent Shi to try and gain a controlling interest in Link Motion Inc. ("LKM" or the "Company"), and that an alleged transaction to sell a majority stake in LKM to China AI may have been illegal, illegitimate, and not made for proper consideration. I have been informed that the Receiver will be submitting a letter and/or evidence to the Court next week in this regard.

Notwithstanding the above, we also do not believe China AI can establish the required elements to intervene as of right under Rule 24(a)(2), whereunder the moving party must show:

- (1) the application is timely;
- (2) the applicant has a significant protectable interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action;
- (3) the disposition of the action may practically impair the applicant's ability to protect its interest; and
- (4) the existing parties may not adequately represent the applicant's interest.

See United States v. Pitney Bowes, Inc., 25 F.3d 66, 70 (2d Cir.1994) (citing Kamdem-Ouaffo v. Pepsico, Inc., 314 F.R.D. 130, 134 (S.D.N.Y. 2016).

The Application is Untimely

"The length of time the applicant knew or should have known of his interest before making the motion" is "[a]mong the most important factors" to be considered in determining timeliness. Catanzano by Catanzano v. Wing, 103 F.3d 223, 233 (2d Cir.1996) (internal quotation marks omitted).

Here, China AI had notice of this lawsuit since the day it was filed; in fact, it knew of the allegations even earlier, since the purported Directors of China AI sat on the Board of LKM when the Plaintiff sent requisition and demand letters to the Board members individually prior to filing suit. Furthermore, LKM's entire Board, including China AI's Directors, were aware of and informed about this action and the Receivership Order that this Court issued, and this cannot be seriously disputed. Lastly, as the attached emails make clear, China AI retained US counsel over two months prior to submitting its one-page motion to intervene; there has been no explanation (or communication whatsoever) as to why China AI slept on their rights for so long.

Accordingly, the application is untimely and should be denied. See MasterCard Int'l Inc. v. Visa Int'l Serv. Ass'n, Inc., 471 F.3d 377, 390 (2d Cir. 2006) (finding a delay of less than one year untimely for intervention purposes); In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litig., 225 F.3d 191, 198–99 (2d Cir. 2000) (holding that an eight-month delay rendered a motion to intervene untimely); Pitney Bowes, 25 F.3d at 70–71 (denying motion to intervene where the applicants had eight months of actual notice and 15 months of constructive notice); Beam v. HSBC Band USA, No. 02–CV–682, 2004 WL 944522, at *1 (W.D.N.Y. 2004) (denying motion to intervene where the applicants had 10 months of actual notice and 15 months of constructive notice).

China AI does Not Have a Protectable Interest

We do not believe that China AI has a legitimate interest in LKM. While the Receiver will be informing the Court of his investigation into this matter, China AI, at a minimum, should be made to show proof that it has made payments to the Company to legitimately purchase its alleged majority interest.

Plaintiff Adequately Represents China AI's Interest

Assuming arguendo that China AI is not a sham entity setup by Defendant Shi, and that China AI has legitimately purchased its stake in LKM and made payment thereon, there is no reason to believe that Plaintiff will not adequately represent China AI's interest. Indeed, Plaintiff has taken the necessary steps to get Mr. Seiden appointed as Temporary Receiver in order to restore value to the Company – an interest and objective that should be shared by all LKM shareholders. Mr. Seiden not only has years of experience and dozens of Receivership appointments under his belt, but he also has an extensive network inside China allowing him to actually make significant progress on the ground to restore the Company's value.

There can therefore be little dispute that Plaintiff, China AI, and any other shareholder of LKM have identical claims and interests as relates to this lawsuit – get rid of the bad actors at the Company, find the hundreds of millions of dollars in cash and the valuable subsidiary assets that have been fraudulently transferred out of the Company, and ultimately to restore value to the Company and its shareholders. Thus, because their interests are identical, China AI's interest can be (and has been) adequately represented by Plaintiff. See Washington Elec. Co-op., Inc. v. Massachusetts Mun. Wholesale Elec. Co., 922 F.2d 92, 98 (2d Cir. 1990) ("Where there is an identity of interest between a putative intervenor and a party, adequate representation is assured."); see also Butler, Fitzgerald & Potter v. Sequa Corp., 250 F.3d 171, 180 (2d Cir. 2001) (requiring "a more rigorous showing of inadequacy in cases where the putative intervenor and a named party have the same ultimate objective").

Sincerely,

Michael D. Cilento, Esq.

cc (via ECF) to all counsel of Record

The parties are directed to address the matter set forth above to Magistrate Judge <u>hebyal reemann</u> to whom this dispute has been referred for resolution, as well as for supervision of remaining pretrial proceedings, establishing case management schedules as necessary, and settlement.

SO ORDERED.

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VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.

Re: Baliga v. Link Motion Inc.: Docket No. 1:18-cv-11642-VM

Michael Cilento

Thu 8/29/2019 12:21 PM

To: jae@cholegal.com <jae@cholegal.com>; Michael Maloney <mmaloney@ckrlaw.com>

Hi Jae. On what basis is China AI trying to intervene? I'm not opposed (although I obviously reserve the right to respond to any request).

Feel free also to give me a call to chat on my direct line (in my signature).

Thanks Mike

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Subject: Baliga v. Link Motion Inc.: Docket No. 1:18-cv-11642-VM

Dear Mr. Cilento and Mr. Maloney:

I have just been retained by China Al Capital, a shareholder of Link Motion, Inc. While I have not had an opportunity to review the docket history in detail, I will be filing a motion for leave to intervene shortly.

Will you consent to my motion for leave?

Very truly yours,

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